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1. THE BRITISH HAVE BELIEVED FOR SOME TIME THAT THE
ORIGINAL REASONS FOR LIMITING NPG MEMBERSHIP HAVE
INCREASINGLY LESS FORCE. IN UK VIEW SECRETARY MCNAMARA'S
INSISTENCE THAT NPG AUDIENCE BE RESTRICTED BECAUSE OF
WASHINGTON'S SENSITIVITY CONCERNING CONTENT OF US
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BRIEFINGS, AND THE NEED TO ENHANCE FRG'S PART IN NUCLEAR
PLANNING AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE MLF HAVE BOTH BEEN
BADLY ERODED BY TIME. FURTHER, BRITISH HAVE OCCASIONALLY
ARGUED THAT LARGER NPG COULD PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE EDUCATIVE
ROLE WITH SMALLER ALLIES. AND FINALLY, OF COURSE, UK'S
SPECIAL NUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH US ALLOWS IT TO BE
SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED ABOUT NPG MEMBERSHIP. AT THE SAME

TIME, IT RECOGNIZES FRG MUST BE WILLING TO GO ALONG.
THEREFORE, WE THINK HMG, WHILE BELIEVING THAT WASHINGTON
AND BONN HAVE VETO RIGHTS ON THIS MATTER, WOULD FAVOR
EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE NPG.

2. ALL UK VIBRATIONS WE ARE RECEIVING HERE SUGGEST
BRITISH WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN EXAMINING, IN SOME
NATO FORUM, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR
ISSUES.

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